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reports concerning various labor camps and industrial installations in the Nizhniy-Tagil area

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Some 4000 male prisoners were there, all Soviet citizens.

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1. The City of Nizhny Tagil. It is a large town of about one million inhabitants. It has many industrial installations,

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2. SHIRPOTREB. In the northern part of the city, near Camp #1, there was a large factory complex. A high fence completely surrounded it. The area covered was about 4 x 4 kilometers

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Eight or nine buildings of brick and cement had been completed,

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600 prisoners and many free workers were employed there under the supervision of free engineers.

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this complex, called SHIRPOTREB, was designed for the manufacture of consumer goods: spoons, cloth, and other household utensils.

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3. Other Installations.

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southwest part of the city there was a coking plant

It had not been completed.

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worked there doing various kinds of chores such as cleaning windows, carrying wood and brick in the unfinished part. there was

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a cement factory and an iron works which had tall smoke stacks. There was also a railroad car factory

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4. Camp #1 in Nizhny Tagil had a hospital with about 60 beds.

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There were 50 prisoners in the hospital [redacted] about 10 of whom had TB. Four to five prisoners occupied each room.

5. Near Camp #1 was a larger hospital called "Mezhduoblastnaya bolnitsa." It was made up of four, one-story, wooden buildings, each about 35-40 x 15 meters. They were all alike. One was for internal diseases, one for surgery, one for TB, and one was used by the invalids who worked in the hospital. Each building had one Chief and some specialists. All the Soviet doctors were women. [redacted] Lidya 25X1
BARISHOVA, ALEXANDROVA, BASINA, and MICHELSEN. [redacted]

[redacted] Two of the prisoners were doctors: One was a German 25X1
named ISCHTAM (Eichbaum?) who had only one leg. He was an excellent surgeon.
The other was a Soviet named Yuri VLADIMIROVICH, [redacted] There 25X1
was also a Russian Jew, "SHAPIRI," [redacted], who was a specialist
in internal diseases. The hospital was well equipped, had X-ray machines,
and other equipment. It was quite clean, and the sick each had a mattress
and two blankets. However, food was insufficient--only about 500 grams
of bread per day. [redacted] 25X1

6. [redacted] in the camps with criminals, everybody, including
the internal guards, was afraid of the "vori." Often the overseer (nadziratel)
worked with the criminals, sharing their loot. For instance, when new prisoners arrived, they were robbed of their clothes and the nadziratel was the
only one who was free to go to town where he could sell them.

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b. The entire brigade was transferred to Camp #6, a disciplinary (shtrafnoy) camp, which was also near Nizhniy Tagil. About 500 Russians [redacted] were there.

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c.

[redacted] Camp #1. This was a large camp, holding some 5000 prisoners. (In 1955 this camp was divided into two sections, one for freed prisoners, the other for real prisoners. Only some 600 people were in the prison section, the others were shipped elsewhere.) [redacted]

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d.

Camp #7 which was reserved for

invalids. It had 400 prisoners, [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 200 men who built six houses out of cinder-block (shlakablok).

The ditches were about two meters deep and one meter wide and were used for water mains.

[REDACTED]

Even the camp's unarmed guards (not the soldiers who watch the camp) are afraid of the criminals. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED]
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1. Relative positions of the camps:

camps [] were located in the northern part of Nizhniy Tagil. Camp #1 was in the northeastern section, Camp #6 somewhat north of the city, and Camp #7 in the northwestern part. Camp #2 was somewhat north of Camp #7. []

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2. Near Camp #1 there was a cement factory (cimzavod) and another factory which had two tall stacks. You could usually see big flames there.

[] it was an iron works. [] some pig iron blocs.

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4. Camp #7 was reserved for invalids. Nearly all had either a hand, foot, or leg missing. Many were wounded prisoners of war.

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5. Near Camp #1, separated only by a wooden fence, []

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[] It contained five wooden barracks, one story high. Each building seemed to be reserved for a specific category of disease, []

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[] Each barracks held about 40 to 50 beds. There were

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four to seven beds in each room, and six or seven rooms per barrack. Many
prisoners suffered from lung, stomach, and heart diseases.

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